April 30, 2021

**TO:** All Prison Staff

**FROM:** Robert Herzog, Assistant S

Prisons Division

**SUBJECT:** Re-opening of weight decks

Starting May 3, 2021, the Department is pleased to announce that the weight decks will be reopening at all prison facilities.

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The following process has been established to ensure a safe and impartial re-opening:

- Individuals must reapply for a weight card and meet all policy criteria per DOC Policy 540.105 Recreation Program for Offenders.
- Individuals are required to pay the \$7.00 quarterly fee by completing DOC 06-075 Request to Transfer Funds.
- The weight deck will open with 50% limited capacity.
- Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained. The only exception to this will be for spotters, if needed, to maintain safety.
- Surgical masks must be worn at all times.
- Cleaning supplies will be available in the weight deck area. Weight deck participants are expected to disinfect each station immediately after use.

If a weight deck participant is found to not be following the necessary health and safety measures, at a minimum, they will be removed from the area. There is also a possibility of disciplinary action and/or complete removal from the program.